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April 23, 2004

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Kazuhiko HARA, Keiji MATSUMOTO, and Shinri SAKAI  
INK CARTRIDGE AND INK JET RECORD APPARATUS USING THE INK  
CARTRIDGE

Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION

Our Ref: Q80832

Continuation of Application No.: 10/147,313

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/147,313 (Confirmation No. 8930) filed May 17, 2002 of Kazuhiko HARA, Keiji MATSUMOTO and Shinri SAKAI entitled INK CARTRIDGE AND INK JET RECORD APPARATUS USING THE INK CARTRIDGE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 11 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration documents as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2853.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P2001-148296	May 17, 2001
Japan	P2001-205163	July 5, 2001

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 10/147,313.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a continuation of Application No. 10/147,313 filed May 17, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Total claims	<u>3</u> - 20	=	<u>0</u> x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>0</u> x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee						<u>\$770.00</u>

**TOTAL FILING FEE****\$770.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

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